GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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RAIL CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN WEST BENGAL AND TRIPURA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have any proposal to introduce rail connectivity between West Bengal and Tripura via Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India is assisting Bangladesh to develop its railway network; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. In order to facilitate rail connectivity betwee West Bengal and Tripura via Bangladesh, Government of India is financing the construction of a railway line on the missing link between Akhaura (Bangladesh) and Agartala (Tripura, India).

(c) & (d) Yes, Madam. India has been assisting Bangladesh in developing its Railway network by providing Rolling Stock and by improving its fixed infrastructure.